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*"So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.."  
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

**India** – Heavy rain has caused flooding this monsoon season in India. Pray for our partner EFICOR as they have a large response in the western state of Maharashtra. Our program officer and CEO just visited India. Please pray that our partners will be able to manage the two agriculture projects, reflecting the love of Christ to bring hope to tribal communities in the eastern part of the country.

**Ethiopia** – With our established partner TDA we are grateful that well over 7,000 farmers have learned how to do sustainable conservation agriculture and over ½ of those are in savings groups. The rains were erratic in the spring, so please pray for a good harvest. The Scaling Up Conservation Agriculture program has been extended till September 2020, which is good as it allows for another harvest. A second partner has submitted a proposal for a food security project south of the above project, so we pray for it's approval (with us and CFGB) and smooth implementation, so local farmers have enough to eat.

**East Africa** – Late and low rains have greatly reduced crop yields in Kenya, Tanzania and parts of Ethiopia, which many people depend on for their livelihoods. Pray that these people will be able to feed their families, and that farmers will learn and apply the climate-smart conservation agriculture our partners are teaching. Pray for the partner Fadhili working in

southern Kenya that is submitting a proposal for expanding from VSL savings groups, to also including agriculture.

**DRC** – The current Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the worst on record in the country and the second-largest epidemic of the disease recorded anywhere. Almost a year after the declaration of the outbreak, more than 2,100 people have died from the virus. The good news is that the rate of infection slowed down in September, and there are about 1,000 survivors. There are several capacity building opportunities this fall for our DRC partner, including CFGB staff visiting in latter October, and in November a training in neighbouring Rwanda, so they can serve the people

**South Sudan** – Thank God it is mostly peaceful now. The Tearfund food assistance program finished in September feeding 1,200 families, but due to various causes of food insecurity pray for a new project we hope to start later in October that will be more 'recovery' oriented, some food provided, but more getting 1,000 village households doing dry-season gardening.

**Applications** – Pray for multiple applications being submitted to GAC that –if approved- could bring relief to 10's of 1,000s across the Middle East and Africa.'